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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):
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For: **TAPE LEADER MEANS FOR PULLING TAPE FROM A REEL**

Enclosed are also:

12 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
 6 Pages of Claims (1 - 14 Claims)
 3 Sheet(s) of Formal Drawings
 A Declaration and Power of Attorney
 Form PTO 1595 and Assignment of the invention to Storage Technology Corporation
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 Form PTO 1449

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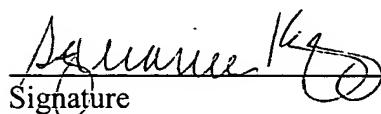
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1. Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
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4. Declaration and Power of Attorney (1);
5. Patent Application (12 pgs. spec. & abstract, 6 pgs. claims 1 - 14);
6. 3 pgs. of formal drawings;
7. Information Disclosure Statement;
8. Form PTO 1449; and
9. Two (2) return postcards.